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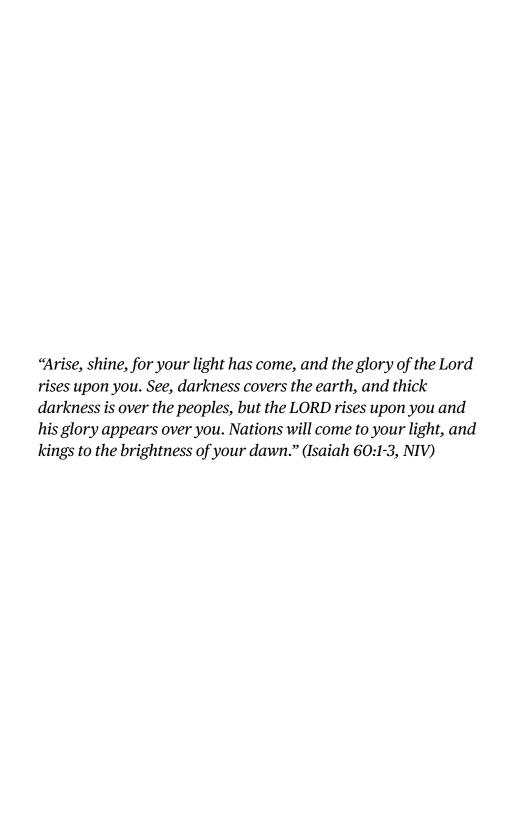
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Cambodia is called by God to arise and shine God's glory in the nations despite what has happened during the genocide, and the current economical and political instability and shaking. It's time for Cambodia to arise out of oppression, pain, bondage, and a poverty mentality and step out to bless the nations.

Cambodia is not defined or confined by the issues of her own nation, but she shall rise above the difficult circumstances, and step out to serve and bless the nations that surround her.

We are blessed as we bless others. We declare that Cambodia is blessed, and that she is a blessing to other nations locally and globally.

Let's entrust Cambodia to Christ and step forward entering into the Great Commission to all nations.

It is high time for Cambodia to shine!

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Part 1: A Brokenness and Burden for Cambodia and the Nations

od brought Ezekiel to the valley of dry bones so that he might feel God's brokenness and burden for the nation of Israel. He did the same when He brought Nehemiah to the broken walls and gates of Jerusalem. Jesus also wept for Jerusalem. As we prayer-walked throughout the killing fields, and across the entire land of Cambodia and other nations, we felt the broken-heartedness for lost souls and communities oppressed by sin and the devil. We began to feel the heart and love of God for the people of Cambodia and intercede for them. Where God's heart was grieved, we wanted to extend His love. God wants us to stand in the gap between Him and those who are lost, just as Jesus, who sits at the right hand of the Father, continually interceding for us day and night.



Part 2: The Vision for Cambodia and the Nations

ehemiah had a vision to restore the broken wall of Jerusalem as God opened his spiritual eyes to see beyond the physical condition of his own people. When we identify with the heart of God and the brokenness of His people, He can birth in us a vision for our nations. What has God opened your eyes to see in your nation?

Bartimaeus was blind from birth. When asked what he wanted Jesus to do for him, he said, "I want to see." May God open our eyes to see what He wants us to see in our nations. We should ask God to give us His passion and commitment to the vision.

Part 3: The Revelation of Unity

"Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity! It is like the precious oil upon the head, that ran down upon the beard, even Aaron's beard; that came down upon the skirts of his garments; Like the dew of Hermon, that comes down upon the mountains of Zion: for there the LORD commanded the blessing, even life for evermore." (Psalm 133:1-3, NASB)

"When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them." (Act 2:1-4 NIV)

"...that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one—I in them and you in me—so that they may be brought to complete unity. Then the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me."

(John 17:21-23, NIV)

"Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you, how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you were not willing. Look, your house is left to you desolate. For I tell you, you will not see me again until you say, 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord." (Mathew 23:37-39, NIV)

"Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all" (Ephesian 4:3-6, NIV)

"If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. If a house is divided against itself, that house cannot stand. And if Satan opposes himself, and is divided, he cannot stand, his end has come."

(Mark 3:24-26, NIV)

nity is the essence of the Triune God. Biblical unity is needed to do the will of God-to fulfill the Great Commission and expand the Kingdom. For the Church of Jesus Christ to influence the whole nation, unity must be sought. Unity in the vision and mission of the Kingdom, and knowing the heart of God, is the key to revival and transformation. Unity releases a corporate anointing, authority, and blessing for the nation. One of the great strategies of Satan is to divide and conquer. A divided and broken church is weak and powerless against the powers of darkness. The Church throughout Cambodia must be united if we want to see a national breakthrough and revival. A

divided church cannot heal a divided nation. Instead of warring together as a united church against Satan, who is the real enemy, we fight against and injure one another.

Humility is the key when standing in the gap for unity. We must reach out to meet others. We must pray with and for one another, we must fellowship with one another, we must honor and respect one another despite our different denominations and churches.

This is our heart! And we have seen God do amazing things through our unifying efforts. We have reached out through prayer at different dormitories, churches, houses, and attended a youth prayer movement. God moved powerfully among the dormitory and university students. We also held combined youth camps, evangelistic soccer matches, youth conferences, and youth revival meetings.



Youth Revival Meeting in Phnom Penh



Worship and Prayer for Unity at Freedom Park in Phnom Penh



3 Days of Prayer, Fasting, and Mobilization







Local Leaders and Missionaries Blessing One Another





Representatives and Missionaries from 25 Cities and Provinces





Blessing the Next Generation





This is what the Lord stirred in our hearts to pray and unify around within the Cambodian church. We began a weekly prayer meeting at a local prayer house. God revealed to us the need for Christian leaders and pastors to work toward reconciliation and unity for God's Kingdom. I was given contacts of senior denominational leaders and elders within Cambodia. At first I did not dare to reach out to them as I felt that I was young and unknown, but the Holy Spirit kept stirring my heart to call and invite them for dinner. I shared with them how the Lord wanted us to pray and fast for 3 days, specifically for reconciliation and unity.

Praise the Lord that I took that step of faith. I called and invited them for dinner, despite financial shortages, and shared the vision for the 3-day prayer and fast. Around 20 senior elders and leaders responded. After the senior leaders' dinner meeting, I had spent all of my money. This

created doubt in the call of God as I saw that there was a great cost financially and in the mobilization processes, both individually and corporately.

After one month of the senior leaders meeting, we called another meeting for leaders and pastors. Again, this was a 3day prayer and fasting event. This time, there were around 80 leaders and pastors who responded to the invitation. The Lord touched their hearts to give an offering for food and help pay for the hall.

In 2015, before the 3-day prayer and fast, we held two meetings. The first meeting was intended for missionaries from different organizations to pray together for reconciliation and unity among the foreign missionaries in Cambodia. We asked God that, instead of focusing on building their organizations, they would come to build God's kingdom here. The second meeting was a mixture of missionaries, local leaders, and pastors who came together to ask for forgiveness, pray for another, bless one another, and work together for God's kingdom.

In October, 2015, the 3 day-prayer and fast started with whole-day rotations of different churches leading praise and worship, preaching, and praying. Leaders from different denominations and generations humbled themselves to pray and fast together for reconciliation and unity for God's Kingdom. God has empowered the Church to influence nations for Kingdom impact. We hosted 12 nations to come and worship together in the land of Cambodia-to stand together and to contend for her destiny.

Part 4: The Revelation of Church Revival in Cambodia and the Nations

"When he had said this, Jesus called in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet wrapped with strips of linen, and a cloth around his face. Jesus said to them, "Take off the grave clothes and let him go!" (John 11:43-44, NIV)

"Then he said to me, "Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel, Behold they say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are indeed cut off.', Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: Behold I will open your graves, O My people. And I will bring you into the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O My people. And I will put My Spirit within you and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the LORD."

(Ezekiel 37:11-14, ESV)

esus loves His church just as much as He loved Lazarus. Because of His love, He resurrected Lazarus from death. Jesus is also raising the churches in Cambodia back to life so that they will be a living testimony of His power and presence.

Part 5: The Revelation of the Kingdom of God

"...to whom He also presented Himself alive after His suffering by many infallible proofs, being seen by them during forty days and speaking the things pertaining to the Kingdom of God." (Acts 1:3, NKLV)

"...your Kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven." (Matthew 6:10, NIV)

"But seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you." (Matthew 6:33, ESV)

isunity in the body of Christ is caused by focusing only on building our own individual church, organizations, movements, and denominations. We are called to lift up the name of Jesus Christ and build His Kingdom. A Kingdom mindset releases and frees believers to do what God's work. It allows people to be who they are called to be. A Kingdom mindset heals relationships, allows us to see beyond the four walls of our own ministries, conquers territories for Christ, and expands the Kingdom of God exponentially.



Kingdom Leaders/Warfare/Wealth Conference



Part 6: The Revelation of the Seven Mountains of Society

"And when He had destroyed seven nations in the land of Canaan, He distributed their land to them by allotment." (Acts 13:19, NKJV)

"So I have come down to rescue them from the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land into a good and spacious land, a land flowing with milk and honey—the home of the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites" (Exodus 3:8, NIV)

n the 7th of March 2016, we held a prayer drive relating to the government in the capital city of Phnom Penh. The Lord revealed what we needed to pray concerning the seven sectors of society:

Arts and Entertainment Business and Economy Church and Religion Distribution and Media Education and Training Family and Community Government These are key sectors that influence the nation for good or bad. The enemy has a strong control and grip over these sectors. The seven-headed demon known as Naga is the strongman controlling these influential mountains of society. The strategies to take these mountains for the Kingdom are unity in worship, intercession which enthrones Jesus Christ as Lord of lords and King of kings, speaking declarations of the rule of His Kingdom over these mountains, reclaiming them, and the discipleship of the society. The Great commission of Jesus Christ is not just about salvation, it also includes discipleship and reaching out to these sectors.

Part 7: The Revelation of One Voice to be held on September 24th every year based on Haggai

"From this day on, from this twenty-fourth day of the ninth month, give careful thought to the day when the foundation of the LORD's temple was laid. Give careful thought: Is there yet any seed left in the barn? Until now, the vine and the fig tree, the pomegranate and the olive tree have not borne fruit. "From this day on I will bless you." (Haggai 2:18-19, NIV)

"The word of the Lord came to Haggai a second time n the 24th day of the month: 'Tell Zerubbabel, governor of Judea, that I am going to shake the heavens and the earth. I will overturn royal thrones and shatter the power of foreign kingdoms. I will overthrow chariots and their drivers; horses and their riders will fall, each by the sword of his brother. On that day,' declares the LORD Almighty, 'I will take you, My servant Zerubbabel, son of Shealtiel,' declares the LORD, 'and I will make you like my signet ring, for I have chosen you,' declares the LORD Almighty." (Haggai 2:20-23, NIV)

he Lord revealed to us that we are to mark September 24th as an annual gathering for worship, intercession for unity, and the declaration of God's Word over Cambodia. Biblically, September 24th was a day of unity and revival among the Israelites in laying the foundation of the Lord's temple. God reversed the curses and blessed Israel. Moreover, the Lord protected the nation from foreign invasion.



One Voice



Part 8: The Revelation of the Destiny of Cambodia and the Nations

"Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord rises upon you. See, darkness covers the earth, and thick darkness is over the peoples, but the LORD rises upon you and his glory appears over you. Nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn." (Isaiah 60:1-3, NIV)

ambodia is called by God to arise and shine God's glory in the nations, despite what has happened during the genocide, and the current economic and political instability and shaking. It is time for Cambodia to arise out of oppression and to step out to bless the nations. Cambodia is not confined or defined by the issues of her own nation, but she shall rise above the difficult circumstances and step out to serve and bless other nations. We are blessed as we bless others. The purposes that God has established for Cambodia will always prevail over the circumstances or challenges the nation faces. The purposes of God are unstoppable despite Satanic resistance.









Fire Falls on the Sacrifice

"Then the fire of Jehovah fell, and consumed the burntoffering, and the wood, and the stones, and the dust, and
licked up the water that was in the trench. And when all the
people saw it, they fell on their faces: and they said,
Jehovah, he is God; Jehovah, he is God"
(1 Kings 18:38-39, ASV)

"If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me." (Matthew 16:24, NKJV)

"I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire" (Matthew 3:11, KJV)

f we want to have the fire of God continually burning in our hearts for His kingdom, it involves the sacrifice of our time, finances, comfort, pleasure, and the reordering of our priorities for Him. The burning fire of God in our hearts will not let us quit despite hardship, shortage, or attacks from the adversary.

"Very truly I tell you, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds. Anyone who loves their life will lose it, while anyone who hates their life in this world will keep it for eternal life" (John 12:24, NIV)

In 2014, I was diagnosed with a serious lung disease (inflammation) and almost died due to vomiting blood. I was in a room alone, extremely faint, and weak. The doctor told me that I would not live long due to holes in my lung.

My short and last breath of prayer was, "Lord, I am too young to die! I want to serve You more." Then the presence of God entered and His hand was laid upon my lung. From that time on I declared I was healed. It was a life threatening experience in the midst of His call to advance His Kingdom.

In 2019, my wife had an operation to remove a huge brain tumor. It too was life threatening, or if the operation had not been successful, could cause a nervous breakdown. It was an intimidating experience in the midst of His call to advance His kingdom. I almost quit serving God, and His purpose and assignment for my life, due to the severity of attacks on me, my family, and ministry.

We almost lost our lives on the mission field. We were also threatened with the killing our family and ministry as I gave my whole life for the sake of His kingdom. But the fire of God stood me up again and again. After these intense battles, we experienced breakthrough in our lives, families, and ministry. God has restored us.

Joseph went through rejection, betrayal, accusation, and discouragement, but God used it to prepare him for His purpose-to save, not only his whole family from famine, but the world. God has destined us to bless Cambodia, the nations, our families, and His ministry. When we take care of His kingdom, God takes care of us. When God calls, He surely provides. He continues to provide in many tangible ways for many Kingdom events, missions, and outreaches as we do what He calls us to do through trust and obedience. Vision comes before the provision. When we obey the vision, the provision comes.

We thank God for raising us up and strengthening us from life threatening incidents. We thank God for His purpose for us to encourage His Church to experience the power of His resurrection in our daily lives. We will not retreat nor regret the giving our lives fully to Christ and His Kingdom.

Love Phnom Penh Festival

od worked through the Love Phnom Penh Festival to bring about an amazing picture of unity in diversity throughout many Christian leaders from different denominational churches. Christians from all spheres of influences, different generations, and races worked together as one body with one vision to represent and exalt Jesus Christ in the heart of Phnom Penh, the capital city of Cambodia. May this have a ripple effect across all the towns and cities of Cambodia.

Here are my personal reflections about the impact and benefits in which God blessed Cambodia through the Love Phnom Penh Festival:

- 1. There was great unity-all representatives of churches, Christians from all spheres of influences, and different nationalities were united around Jesus Christ and the Gospel.
- 2. A great shift happened in the spiritual climate-people tend to be more receptive and sensitive to the Gospel with little resistance.
- 3. The light and glory of God pierced through the darkness. People's eyes are now open to the light and glory of the Gospel and Jesus Christ.
- 4. Many prodigals came back to the Father with the realization of sins and forgiveness.
- 5. The Name of Jesus was glorified among the nations.
- 6. Christianity received favor from the government.

- 7. The redemption of the land.
- 8. The Kingdom of God was proclaimed, reinforced, and established in a very strategic and central point in the capital city of Phnom Penh (the seat of spiritual and natural government).
- 9. The festival prepared a highway for the King of Glory to enter and to dwell in the midst of the city.
- 10. God's destiny and call upon Cambodia was released.
- 11. The rising up of His churches to extend God's Kingdom for city transformation.
- 12. A shift in the way our top spiritual and governmental leaders govern.
- 13. A shift in the economic, political, and social sectors.
- 14. Growth in love and understanding among the body of Christ, despite all the differences.
- 15. The birth of many (spiritual) new-born babies added to the churches.
- 16. The rising up of locals to take the lead in acting upon the Great Commission.
- 17. Responsibility for more follow-up and discipleship.
- 18. It was a testimony that amazed other countries concerning how God moves powerfully in war-torn and broken nations.
- 19. The corporate anointing and unity of focus broke through any/all hindrances.
- 20. The loosing of souls into the Kingdom of God.
- 21. The birth of a new sound.
- 22. The importance of strategic prayer, spiritual mapping, and battling spiritual warfare.
- 23. The importance of breaking demonic covenants.
- 24. The importance of hearing and acting in faith (breakthrough).
- 25. Identifying the sins of the city and repentance.

- 26. The importance of prayer walking and declaring God's Word over the city.
- 27. Healing and restoring relationships.
- 28. A shift in perspectives and ministry.
- 29. Team work.
- 30. Supporting, serving and helping.

All glory and honor to God!





Love Phnom Penh Festival Executive Committee

Part 9: The Church During Covid-19

"The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me; because the LORD hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound; To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that mourn." (Isaiah 61:1-2, KJV)

ambodia was locked down for over 2-years during the Covid-19 crisis. The Spirit of the Lord was upon His Church, more alive and active than ever before. We prayed, worshipped, and sought the heart of God in more depth.











Part 10: Personal Reflections of the Centennial Celebration in Cambodia

elow are 10 lessons I learned through reflecting on the Cambodian Centennial Celebration held on January, 27-28, 2023. We served on the executive committee for prayer mobilization during the event.

- 1. The power of the seed of God's Word, which was planted over the last 100 years, has brought forth a great harvest in Cambodia. Christians in every sphere of influence are now representing the Kingdom of God. The body of Christ is diverse, but has come together to honor Christ and His Word.
- 2. Blessing has been sown by the early pioneers, fathers and elders in the faith and the Gospel, who paved difficult paths during the last 100 years. These early pioneers gave their lives to the Gospel. Because of that, blessings now flow to future generations. Our work is to develop a culture of honor and build what's necessary to bring the different generations together. This will bring healing, reconciliation, and unity whereby blessings flow.
- 3. It was a great opportunity to pray for the government and other authorities as the event opened relationship building. Christians had great favor with the government officials. There is now greater spiritual unity and favor for corporate worship or crusades in the near future because

- of the possibility of applying for use of a stadium or other spacious public areas.
- 4. The large event was mostly funded from by locals. It took a big step of faith to book the place and everything else when the budget was not enough. We thank God for His miraculous provision and big surplus. As the locals continue to arise in sacrificial giving by faith, God will send help from other nations.
- 5. The event helped bridged the gap between the locals and missionaries. We have learned to honor one another and can work together for the Kingdom of God. The work and calling of one another is now valued.
- 6. The event also exposed the woundedness of the body of Christ as we worked together. But as we asked for God's grace to help, we found healing. Relational healing and reconciliation will bring greater unity around the Gospel and the Kingdom for the next events.
- 7. Strong prayer and worship effected everything that happened. We honored prayer and worship above any work, funding, or technicalities. All of these are good, but prayer and worship will guide us into God's plans, strategies, and provision.
- 8. As we worked together, we brought different ideas, ways and experiences to the table, but sought after common agreement. We learned to see the big picture in the Kingdom of God, honoring our differences, and changing us to accept one another. We learned to pray for another though we are different. We learned to respond to criticism and opposition as a part of our character development. We learned to love those who have differing perspectives, or are not in our tribes.
- 9. The Spirit of God moved and mobilized not only individuals, but top leadership within tribal groups, denominations, and governmental institutions. The event

touched the leadership of the land. As the leadership goes, so goes the nation. Any institutional or organizational change has to begin with the leadership.

10. This event was just the beginning of a greater spiritual event-the birth or breakthrough of other movements in Cambodia.





Part 11: The Revelation of the Redemption of Cambodia and the Other Nations

"And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffers violence, and the violent take it by force." (Matthew 11:12, NKJV)

he Gospel writer, Luke, reported that Jesus "traveled about from one town and village to another, proclaiming the good news of the Kingdom of God." (Luke 8:1, NIV) Jesus Himself said, "I must preach the good news of the Kingdom of God to the other cities also, because for this I have been sent." (Luke 4:43, NKJV).



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Kingdom Leadership and Great Commission Training in Phnom Penh

e believe Cambodia has her place in the Kingdom of God in proclaiming the Great Commission to the nations. We know Cambodia will impact Asia, and the world, for Christ Jesus. God wants to colonize Cambodia, and the other nations, with the culture, lifestyle, and values of His Kingdom. The spiritual strongman of Cambodia, that has kept our nation bound from receiving the fullness of the blessings and light of God's glory, is the demonic spirit of colonization and control. Satan has bound Cambodia, and other nations, with his satanic kingdom of structure, systems, administration, and manipulation.

The key to break the spirit of colonization over the Church and the nations is the Kingdom of God-the enthronement of Jesus Christ in our lives. This will cause Satan to be dethroned from his throne in the nations. The unity of the Church as *One Voice* of intercession and worship will overthrow the power of darkness throughout the world. When this happens, we will experience an open heaven that radiates God's glory and light over all creation.

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